

Remarks of H.E. Shri Sibi George, Ambassador of India to Japan
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Dear Mr. Debashish Panda, Chairman, IRDAI,
Shri K.Rajaraman, Chairman, IFSCA, GIFT CITY, India,
CEOs of Indian Insurance Companies,
Friends, Ladies and Gentlemen.

A very Good afternoon to you all.

I welcome each one of you who have joined us here today in the Embassy for this event. I thank all the speakers for their presence today.

Dear Friends,

I am very happy to inform you all that size of the Indian insurance market currently stands at USD 126 bn which is the 10th largest insurance market in the world. The insurance sector in India is growing at a compounded annual growth rate of 10.5%. It has assets under management of around USD 730 bn. It has delivered return on equity in excess of 20% to the shareholders. With a GDP of USD 3.02 tn and projected to grow at around 7% for this fiscal year, the insurance penetration stands at 4.2% against a world average of 7.0%. India's population which stands at 1.4 bn, has insurance density of USD 91 against a world average of USD 874. This clearly shows the huge untapped potential of the insurance market in India.

IRDAI is the insurance sector regulator of India which was established under the Act of Parliament in 1999. It is responsible for the orderly growth of the insurance market and regulating it. It has been actively spearheading reforms within the insurance sector to realize the ambitious goal of Insurance for All by 2047.

I am also glad to inform you all that the Government of India has raised the FDI limits to 74% for insurance companies. Further, FDI limits for

insurance intermediaries have also been raised to 100% which has made the Indian insurance sector very attractive.

Further, given the Government of India's focus on technology & innovation, creation of a digital ecosystem, ease of doing business, move towards principle-based regulation and modernization of regulatory architecture, the Indian insurance sector is on the path of sustained double-digit growth. This is the right opportunity for organisations to exploit the true potential of the Indian insurance market and seek higher returns on their investments.

And to achieve the said objective, the Indian Embassy in Tokyo will facilitate in every possible manner your participation in India by way of capital investments, skill transfer, process improvements, etc.

In conclusion, I would like to add that Japan is a prominent investor with a significant presence within the Indian insurance sector. As two of the key G-20 nations, the bilateral relations between India and Japan are well-established and robust. Given the strategic significance of Japan, the Government of India would therefore like to invite the Japanese investors to invest in the India insurance sector given the tremendous potential it offers.

I once again thank you all for joining us today.
